



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Vipra Kumar, Charlotte, and Alexander Lu. Minjun Kim, Tristan Su, Jin An,

Upcoming events

21 March BOT Meeting via Zoom

Upcoming events are also on our calendar on our website: www.oteha.school.nz

COVID Update

As you know we now have cases of COVID-19 in our school community. Case numbers will increase as the virus spreads, but we hope that no-one is seriously affected by it.

We will only notify you if a child or staff member in your child's year group is a positive case. If the child or staff member is in your child's class, you will be told that as well. To protect the privacy of children, families, and staff, we will not disclose who the positive case is, and we ask you to refrain from asking teachers this question. If we have large numbers of teachers having to isolate, we will be buddying classes at school if we are unable to get a reliever.

While we are able to remain open for face-face learning at school, teachers will not be able to provide on-line learning for children who are not attending school, because parents are choosing to keep them at home. I appreciate and understand why some of you make this choice, but as we do not know how long we are going to be in this situation, I would like to encourage you to consider sending your child to school, so they can continue with their learning, have much needed time to socialise, learn and play with other children.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is required to isolate because someone else in your family/household is positive, please email me: rosen@oteha.school.nz as soon as you are able to. Teachers will be able to provide some activities for children who are well, but have to isolate, and your child's teacher will be in touch with you to see if you would like some work for them to do.

These are challenging times for all of us. Please reach out to someone you trust if you are struggling or need support. Look after yourself, your family and whānau, and please let us know if we can assist or support you.

The Good News:

It seems as if most of the news at the moment is distressing and upsetting so I wanted to share some brief snippets of positive stories from our days at school so far this year.

Our focus for the first few weeks of the term has centered around some of the key competencies in our Ako Tuitui curriculum, looking at "Identity" and "Culture". In 2021 all teachers undertook some professional development as part of our work on Aotearoa New Zealand Histories and all classes have been learning about and delving into **Te Tiriti o Waitangi**, which is an extremely important document and treaty for us.

Each of our Year groups works together in a Collaborative Team.

Year 1/2 classes in Pod 1 and Rms 31 & 31 make up Pōhutukawa team. They had a **Just Awesome day** last Friday, learning about their team name. They discovered that Pōhutukawa is a descendant of Tangaroa, not Tane Mahuta like other trees. They talked about the symbolism of the tree, its whakapapa and patupaiarehe, as their name sake is a link between the living and the underworld in Māori mythology. They spent the day doing various blossom themed activities and were very proud of their badges that show their belonging to the team. Special thanks to Ella in Rm 4 who made one for me!



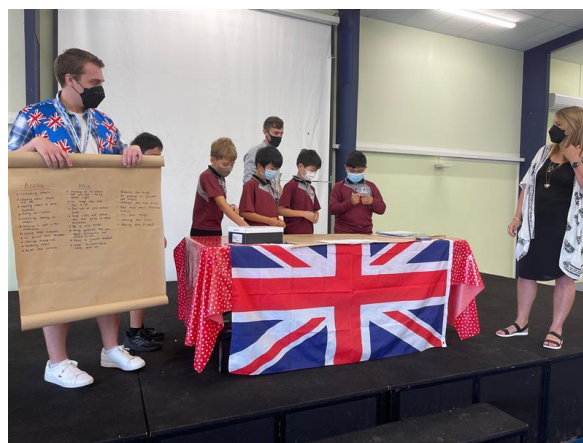
Year 2-Team Paikea: has been focusing on their Class Treaty and have collaborated to form a Paikea Treaty and korowai cloak. They then linked this to the school's values and created an Art Piece.

Year 3- Team Manaakitanga: has been unpacking the new school values and aligning them with class treaties as well as sharing Taonga from their families' cultures. They have also been exploring caterpillars and butterflies, learning about life cycles and metamorphosis.

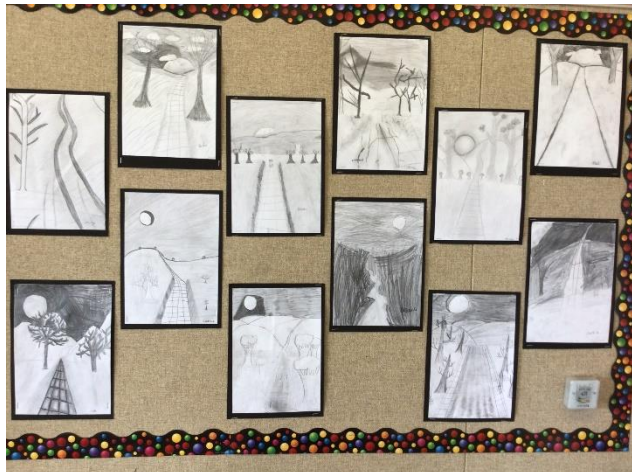


Year 4-Team Kaitiakitanga: has been focusing on the Treaty over the past three weeks. They have been holding learning walks as part of Just Awesome Day to see and compare how different classes have approached the same topics in different ways and using that experience to discuss our new school values.

Year 5-Team Papatūānuku did a re-enactment of the signing of te Tiriti o Waitangi



Year 6-Team Ranginui have been focusing on the classic narrative poem *The Highwayman*. This has included studying the poem's characters, settings and themes through reading, drama activities, art, creating a musical instrument accompaniment. This week they are extending this into science and technology by looking at the motion of horses and creating some simple stop motions and flip books. As part of their study on Te Tiriti o Waitangi, they created our own pod treaty and displayed it with a pair of feather wings.



Year 1 & 2 Sandpit

The work on our sandpit outside Pod 3 is almost finished and our Year 1 and 2 children will soon be able to use it again, which is very exciting! We have seating around it, and a fence to help keep animals out in the weekend and after school. Thanks to the PTP who very generously have paid for a new shade sail so our children can play in there in the shade. I will include some photos of it when it is finished-hopefully sometime next week.

Class and Individual Photos

We have had to postpone our class and individual photos this term. We will reschedule them for later in the year when we are all back at school together.

Contact Information and Notifying School of Absences

Last week your child's Profile Sheet was sent home. This lists your contact information and your child's medical details. We ask that these are checked, signed, and returned to school as soon as possible so that we can ensure the information we have on file is current. Even if there are no changes the form still needs to be returned. **It is particularly important at the moment as there are likely to be instances when we need to contact families urgently if there is a covid case within our school community.**

A reminder that **it is the responsibility of a parent/guardian to report a child's absence.** Office staff are spending considerable periods of time following up on daily absences. We are not allowed to assume that because a child is away sick one day, that the reason they are not present the following day will remain the same. A new absence notification is required each day if you have not specified a return date in a previous submission.

There are many different ways you can report an absence:

- On our school website - <https://www.otaha.school.nz/contact/report-an-absence>
- On our SchoolApp – download it from the App store
- By phoning the school office – ph 09 477 0033, choosing option 1 and leaving a message
- By emailing the school office – enquiries@otaha.school.nz

We ask that you do not email individual staff members as if they are absent the information may not get passed on.

We would appreciate your support with this.

联系信息并通知学校学生缺席

上周，您的孩子应该有将一张学生资料表带回家。这上面包含您的联系信息。请确保您检查了学生资料表上的联系信息，签名并尽快将其返回给孩子的班主任，以便我们在系统中拥有最新的联系信息。即使学生资料表上的信息没有任何变化，我们也要求您签名并将其返回给班主任。这在此时非常重要，因为如果我们学校社区出现 COVID 阳性病例，我们需要能够立即与您联系。



我们想提醒家长/监护人，如果您的孩子因某种因素无法上学，您有责任提交学生缺勤报告。我们的办公室工作人员每天早上都花费大量时间来跟进学生的缺勤情况。我们不能因为您孩子一天因身体不适没来上学，而假定如果他们第二天没上学也是出于同样原因。您需要为您的孩子没有上学的每一天提交一份学生缺勤报告。您可以指定您孩子缺课的天数以及您孩子返回学校的预计日期。

提交学生缺勤报告有几种方法：

- 我校网站：
<https://www.otaha.school.nz/contact/report-an-absence>
- SchoolApp - 您需要从 App Store 或 Google Playstore 下载此 APP
- 致电学校办公室 - 09 4770033，选择选项 1 并留言
- 向学校办公室发送电子邮件 - enquiries@otaha.school.nz

我们要求您不要向个别工作人员发送电子邮件，因为如果此工作人员出于某种原因不在，信息可能无法成功传递。

我们感谢您对此的支持。

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결석 보고를 할 수 있는 다음의 여러가지 방법이 있습니다.:

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- 스쿨앱에서 - 앱스토어에서 다운로드 하세요
- 학교 오피스에 전화 연락으로 - 09 477 0033으로 전화 해서 1번을 선택후 메시지를 남기세요.
- 학교 오피스 이메일로 연락하세요 - enquiries@otaha.school.nz

정보가 전달되지 않을 수 있으므로 개별 교직원에게 이메일을 보내지 마시기 바랍니다.

여러분의 협조와 도움에 감사드립니다.

Thanks to Unichem Browns Bay

Unichem Browns Bay have come to school to administer RAT for our staff for the past two weeks. This has been a free service and we appreciate their generosity.

Noho haumaru katoa-stay safe everyone



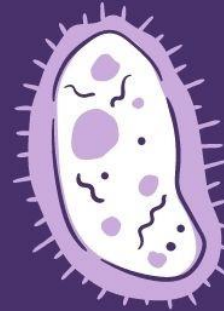
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COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
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